



# HUS HAPPENINGS

## SEPTEMBER 2009

### 120 YEARS OF SERVING CHRIST

*In this issue of the  
Hus Happenings*

### God's Greatest Tool

As I have read through the Bible many times in the last 40 years being a Christ follower I have noticed long ago that God's greatest tool is a man or a woman. In all of God's plans for mankind God has chosen to use a man or a woman to bring them to pass. From Adam to the beloved disciple John God has always used a man or a woman to accomplish his plans. It has not always been a man or a woman of great stature, just a man or a woman who is willing. Sometimes they have been reluctant at first but in all cases God has used men and women to either bring revival, restore a nation, overcome some great time of evil or save some people group from possible extinction.

The criteria was not that they were always famous, had great power, had great wealth or were the best in their field. The reality is that God usually chose some ordinary person to accomplish an extraordinary task. You see that means that you and I can be God's greatest tool to

accomplish his great plan. Yes we can be used of God today in some great plan to bring blessing, restoration or even salvation to our neighborhood, community, state, nation or the world. God can use us to make a difference!

Lord knows that our world needs some ordinary people who are willing to be used by God for some extraordinary plan. If we dare to be used! If we are willing we can be used by God to bring about a change in our world. All we need to do is offer our "sack lunch" to God and he will use us in ways that will amaze us and others.

Let's be God's greatest tool and be used today!

*Pastor Mel Ramos*

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"I am careful not to confuse excellence with perfection.

Excellence I can reach for. Perfection is God's business" -Michael J. Fox



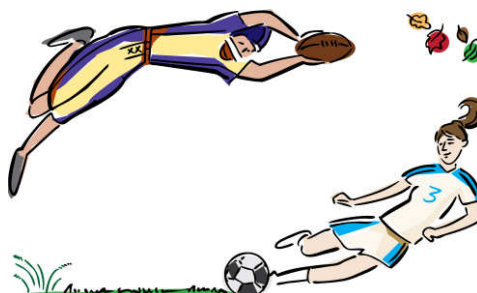
## September Birthdays

- 5 Doug Page
- 6 Bridget Trotman
- 8 Lovina Clark
- 10 George Swenka
- 14 Lottie Louvar
- 14 Mary Landergott
- 17 Kathryn Lucke
- 29 Esther Cervený



## September Anniversaries

- |    |                        |          |
|----|------------------------|----------|
| 2  | Charles & Bonnie Tichy | 42 years |
| 8  | Randy & Cathi Havel    | 2 years  |
| 19 | Mac & Judy McLaskey    | 39 years |
| 20 | Larry & Marilyn Hess   | 29 years |
| 28 | Mike & JoAnne Hebert   | 41 years |



## Ushers & Greeters



September 6<sup>th</sup>  
Eldred & Betty Svoboda  
Helen Anderson and Marlus Grimm

September 13<sup>th</sup>  
Karissa Lockhart and Anne McDill  
Dick & Janet Ransom

September 20<sup>th</sup>  
Mike & JoAnne Hebert  
Grace Ford and Joan Cross

September 27<sup>th</sup>  
Marj Nejd and Marge Pace  
Bonnie Tichy

"God gives us the ingredients for our daily bread, but he expects us to do the baking."

—William Arthur Ward

## Rummage, Craft and Bake Sale

**Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> : 8 AM - 4 PM**

**Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> : 8 AM - 1 PM**



Miss a sermon?  
Listen online at  
[www.huschurch.org!](http://www.huschurch.org!)

## A Change of Seasons

With the cool weather we have been having lately, one might think that summer has already ended and fall begun. Yet, fall does not officially begin until September 22<sup>nd</sup>. With this change in seasons comes the beginning of the new school year, Sunday school starts up again and among other things football season is here.

This past summer a new season began for the youth ministry here. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, high school teens met and the Youth Leadership Team (YLT) consisting of Adam, Danaca, Jon, Karissa and Lydia was born. This has led to some changes as well. We are now meeting from 5:30 – 7 PM each Wednesday night. The team takes turns starting things off with an icebreaker followed by announcements. Then Doug, who graciously agreed, comes in for a couple of worship songs. A lesson or occasionally a special speaker follows next. The night finishes up with the team leading a game. Often times we have sat around afterwards and gotten to know each other better. This has been a great change and the team has done a great job!

Besides the other changes this month the YLT will begin meeting monthly to discuss lesson topics, events, BOOM Sundays, outreach, mission, fundraising and many other things. I cannot wait!

There are also changes that we go through that are not as much fun, in fact, they are not fun at all. The loss of a friend. Finding out that a friend is fighting cancer or that your daughter will likely have to have a kidney removed after the first of the year. King Solomon wrote, "People ought to enjoy every day of their lives, no matter how long they live. But they should also remember this: You will be dead a long time. Everything that happens then is useless." (Ecclesiastes 11:8 NCV).

My friend who is now home with the Lord, my friend with cancer and my daughter have each lived each day by enjoying the day. They look for the good things in life. They hold onto their relationship with God. Once we pass from this life to the next, eternity kicks in. We do not know what tomorrow will bring. We do not even know what will happen five minutes from now. We plan for the future here. We have to. Just make sure you have planned ahead for eternity and not just for the future here on earth. Once our time is up, we will no longer have a choice of entering into a relationship with Jesus.

The Youth Leadership Team is planning for the future; they are also preparing themselves and those around them for eternity. They said yes to Christ. Have you said yes to Christ yet? If not, what is stopping you?

Living Outrageously for Christ,

*Terry*



October 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> for middle  
and high school students.

More details to come later.

### ***Adult Readings from the Life Journal - September 2009***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>Sept 1</b> Ezek. 15, 16; Ps. 70; Rev. 6	<b>Sept 2</b> Ezek. 17-19; Rev. 7	<b>Sept 3</b> Ezek. 20, 21; Ps. 111; Rev. 8	<b>Sept 4</b> Ezek. 22-24; Rev. 9	<b>Sept 5</b> Ezek. 25-28; Rev. 10
<b>Sept 6</b> Ezek. 29-32; Rev. 11	<b>Sept 7</b> 2 Ki. 25; 2 Chr. 36; Jer. 40, 41; Rev. 12	<b>Sept 8</b> Jer. 42-44; Ps. 48; Rev. 13	<b>Sept 9</b> Lam. 1, 2; Obad; Rev. 14	<b>Sept 10</b> Lam. 3-5; Rev. 15	<b>Sept 11</b> Dan. 1, 2; Rev. 16	<b>Sept 12</b> Dan. 3, 4; Ps. 81; Rev. 17
<b>Sept 13</b> Ezek. 33-35; Rev. 18	<b>Sept 14</b> Ezek. 36, 37; Ps. 110; Rev. 19	<b>Sept 15</b> Ezek. 38, 39; Ps. 145; Rev. 20	<b>Sept 16</b> Ezek. 40, 41 Ps. 128; Rev. 21	<b>Sept 17</b> Ezek. 42-44; Rev. 22	<b>Sept 18</b> Ezek. 45, 46; Lk. 1	<b>Sept 19</b> Ezek. 47, 48; Lk. 2
<b>Sept 20</b> Dan. 5, 6; Ps. 130; Lk. 3	<b>Sept 21</b> Dan. 7, 8; Ps. 137; Lk. 4	<b>Sept 22</b> Dan. 9, 10; Ps. 123; Lk. 5	<b>Sept 23</b> Dan. 11, 12; Lk. 6	<b>Sept 24</b> Ezra 1; Ps. 84, 85; Lk. 7	<b>Sept 25</b> Ezra 2, 3; Lk. 8	<b>Sept 26</b> Ezra 4; Ps. 113, 127; Lk. 9
<b>Sept 27</b> Hag. 1, 2; Ps. 129; Lk. 10	<b>Sept 28</b> Zech. 1-3; Lk. 11	<b>Sept 29</b> Zech. 4-6; Lk. 12	<b>Sept 30</b> Zech. 7-9; Lk. 13			

Life journals are available for kids, teens and adults through the church office.

Please call the office for more details.

Journaling is an excellent way to both record and process what God has spoken to us. It's also a useful tool to use at a later time, to reflect on and review some of the 'gems' that you have received. Without writing them down, you may forget those blessings and some very important lessons! And while journaling is a very personal time with the Lord, you may want to share some of your daily journaling with your small group or mentors. Through discussion, you may be able to look deeper into what God is speaking to you, gain new insight and even encourage others.

#### **S for Scripture**

Open your Bible to the reading found under today's date of your Bible bookmark. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

#### **O for Observation**

What do you think God is saying to you in this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Paraphrase and write this scripture down in your own words, in your journal.

#### **A for Application**

Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this scripture can apply to you today.

#### **P for Prayer**

This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out.



## ELDER TRAINING 102 OFFERED THIS FALL

Because of the positive feedback we received from Elder Training 101 held last spring, PEIA will be holding Elder Training 102 this fall. The evaluation sheets received from the 101 sessions revealed that elders are interested in learning how to become spiritual leaders. We took note, and Maurie Campbell, who was the presenter for 101, has prepared a workshop geared to facilitate a lively discussion on this topic.



What does It mean to BE spiritual?

- How do I develop more deeply my spirituality?
- How do I lead those in my congregation in their spiritual journey?

We will hold the workshops on 3 different Saturdays this fall. **You only need to attend one.** We are trying to make them geographically accessible so that it will be convenient for anyone to attend:

- October 17--Burlington, First Presbyterian Church
- October 24--Cedar Rapids, Hus Memorial
- November 14--West Liberty, First Church United

If you attended 101, wonderful; the 102 session will enrich what you have already learned. If you did not attend 101, that's okay, too, because the material presented in the spring is not a prerequisite for the fall workshop.

Plan now to attend and bring your whole session with you. We will have a brochure with more details ready to download from our website by the first week of September. Imagine the transformation that could take place in your church if every leader explored the call to become a spiritual leader.

# TOUR de HOPE

**Come see God's hand at work through ministries in the downtown area**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
**9 AM TO 1 PM**

*A free progressive open house featuring moving stories, delicious food, and fun door prizes*

*Begin Anywhere, Be Inspired Everywhere!*

**[www.aidtowomenministry.com/tourdehope](http://www.aidtowomenministry.com/tourdehope)**  
**861-2747**

<b>Aid to Women</b> 701 Center Point Rd. NE <b>Equipping Youth</b> 118 3rd Ave. SE #431 <b>Helping Hands</b> (a program of the Ecumenical Center) 601 2nd Ave. SE	<b>House of Hope</b> 1744 2nd Ave. SE <b>Mission of Hope</b> 1537 1st Ave. SE <b>His Hands Free Medical Clinic</b> 1043 3rd Ave. SE
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Closings or cancellations will be posted on the Hus website ([www.huschurch.org](http://www.huschurch.org)) and on KCRG, KWWL, and KGAN. Please note that the church website should be the first place to check as it can take the media time to get the information on air and on their websites. **Expect a call from a church representative only if you have requested a personal call.** To request a call, please contact the church office (319.363.0067). If you would like to receive an email notification, please let the office know.

\*The complete policy is available on from the church office or online at [www.huschurch.org](http://www.huschurch.org).

## MODERATOR VISITING IN SEPTEMBER

The Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, Moderator of PC(USA), will be coming to First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Highlights will be three Q & A sessions and dinner with the Moderator. All events are free and open to the public. To RVSP for dinner call the FPC church office by September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 319-986-5851. More information is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Prior to his visit, Rev. Reyes-Chow recommends reading *A Generous Orthodoxy* by Brian D. McLaren and *Who's Afraid of Postmodernism* by James K.A. Smith.



## Geneva Tower Board Members Needed

Jim Servousek, President of the Board of Directors of the Geneva Tower in downtown Cedar Rapids, writes to say that they are in need of Board members from area Presbyterian churches. They have been struggling in recent years with keeping the number of board members where it needs to be. They are looking for people to help fill these openings. The board meets four times a year and they have a Christmas supper every year. The board is there for oversight with the operations done by staff. Terms are three-years long. This is a way the church can help the people in need of low-income housing in the area.

If interested please contact Jim Servousek, 319.310.6424.

## Wanted - Choir Members

Positions open:	Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. No others need apply!
Physical qualifications:	Must be able to carry light musical note part across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see the director from 20 feet away.
Experience:	No application accepted who have not sung, hummed or whistled while in the shower or tub.
Wages:	Satisfaction and joy in God's service.
Fringe benefits:	Social security (we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir.
Hours:	Sunday mornings with the occasional opportunity for overtime (at the above wages).
Vacation:	Missed rehearsals & services are primarily a matter of conscience & ability to return the glares & pointed remarks of the director.
Rehearsals:	Wednesdays at 6:45 PM in the choir room starting on September 13 <sup>th</sup> .
Apply:	By attending the rehearsals of the season.

**Come and join us in Music Ministry at Hus!**

Everyone is welcomed. Remember this.....if only the birds with the best voices ever sang, what a quiet forest it would be.



# Rotational Sunday School

## Exploring God's World

Hus Church Sunday School is from  
11:15am - noon each Sunday

The Hus Rotational Sunday School will be learning about prophets this fall. We'll start the lessons with the story of Jonah, the Reluctant Prophet. This is a familiar story, but it contains a lot of valuable lessons. Some of the main lessons are:

God is with us always.

God loves everyone.

God forgives us when we truly repent.

Our Key Verses are:

"I knew that you were a gracious and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love."  
Jonah 4:2d (NLT)

And

"When I was in trouble, I called out to you and you answered me." Jonah 2:2

**KIDS AGES 3-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
WILL MEET IN THE  
SCRIPTURE SAFARI ROOM.  
FROM THERE, WE'LL  
DIRECT THE KIDS TO  
THEIR STATION FOR THE  
DAY.**

### The Stations:

Imagination Island:  
Creative Art

**Bible Broadway:**  
Drama

Movies on the Mount:  
Video

**SCRIPTURE  
SAFARI:**

**Bible Exploration**

**Polar PC.: Computers**

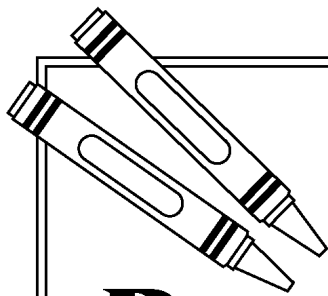
ANY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WHO IS INTERESTED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE, MICHELE OR CINDY. AT THIS TIME, THERE ARE NO MIDDLE SCHOOL AGE KIDS WHO ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL. CINDY IS AVAILABLE TO TEACH IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED!

Youth in High School meet in the Youth Room for Sunday School with Terry and Diane.

We have a new class for 3-6 year olds!! Thanks to Marilyn and Michelle Hess for volunteering to teach!

**Adults meet in the upstairs Adult Sunday School Room for class with Judy! Come join in the discussion. Everyone is welcome.**

Sunday School starts on Sunday, Sept. 13!



# Just for KIDS

## Be transformed

It's the beginning of a new school year, and you'll be growing and changing every day. Below is an important lesson that God wants you to remember.

Color in the letter boxes that have an asterisk (\*).  
Then write the letters that are left on the lines below to finish Romans 12:2.

c	h*	o	n	d*	f	t*	q*	o	s*	r	a*	b*	r*	m
x*	p	j*	e*	a	t	m*	t	o*	c*	p*	e	r	k*	n
w	d*	o	s*	r*	j*	r	g*	l	b*	l*	i*	n*	d	y*
t	r	i*	a	t*	n	s	r*	f	o	r	v*	m	e	d
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"Do not \_\_\_\_\_ any longer to the \_\_\_\_\_  
of this \_\_\_\_\_, but be \_\_\_\_\_  
by the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_. Then you will be able  
to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_\_' will is — his good,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will." *Romans 12:2, NIV*

Answers: conform, pattern, world, transformed, renewing, mind, test, approve, God's, pleasing, perfect



## GROWING UP FAST!

In September, Monarch butterflies migrate to warmer climates. In God's wonderful design, these butterflies have gone through an amazing transformation. This craft will remind you of the ongoing transformation that God has planned for you, too.

### What you need:

- Clear, one-gallon zipper baggie (with no writing)
- Colored tissue paper
- Scissors
- Wooden, one-piece clothespin
- Pipe cleaner
- Black permanent marker
- Glue and wiggly eyes (optional)
- Magnet tape

### What you do:

1. Turn the baggie inside out and rub it on your head to create static cling. Then turn the baggie right-side-out again.
2. Cut tissue paper into 2" x 2" squares.
3. Fill the baggie with tissue squares.
4. Press excess air out of the bag and zip it. Lay the baggie on its side (this will form the butterfly's wings) so the zipper is at the top.
5. Pinch the baggie with the clothespin so it divides the baggie into two equal parts to create the butterfly's head and body.
6. Thread the pipe cleaner through the hole atop the clothespin to form the antennae.
7. With a permanent marker, write "Romans 12:2" on the bottom half of the clothespin.
8. Draw on eyes (or glue on wiggly eyes).
9. Attach a strip of magnet tape to the back of the clothespin. Then display the butterfly on your refrigerator.







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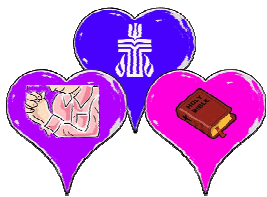
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study- 1:30 PM Music Lessons Local 262 - 6 PM Trustees - 7 PM	2 CSA Youth Group - 5:30 PM Worship Team - 7:15 PM	3 Red Hat Ladies- 4 PM Music Lessons	4	5 Hopefest at Redmond Park- 2-6 PM (Hus Worship team will perform at 1:55 PM)
6 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos Teaching Youth Leadership Team meeting- 1 PM	7 Labor Day Office Closed Music Lessons Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	8 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study- 1:30 PM Music Lessons Deacons- 7 PM	9 Youth Group - 5:30 PM Choir- 7 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	10 Music Lessons	11 Dámská- 1 PM	12 Hus Racing League- Registration - 9:30 AM Racing - 10 AM
13 Joint Worship Service with Echo Hill- 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos Teaching Sunday School 11:15 PM Visioneering Meeting- 3-6 PM	14 Music Lessons Lodge 13- 6 PM Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	15 Men's breakfast at Wilson Ave HyVee- 7:30 AM Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study- 1:30 PM Music Lessons Session- 7 PM	16 See You At The Pole/ Serve Our Schools Rally at New Covenant- 7:30-9 PM Choir- 7 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	17 Music Lessons	18	19
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